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GM CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been reported that Genetically Modified (GM) crop cultivation requires large quantity of chemical fertilizers; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the increasing demand of chemical fertilizers for GM crops?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) No, Madam. The nutrient requirement for cultivation of GM crops may not require large quantity of chemical fertilizers and can be met out through integrated nutrient management envisaging conjunctive use of both organic and inorganic fertilizers.

(b) Doesn`t arise.